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NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE

This report highlights the importance of agriculture to Nebraska. In 2000, the State's 54,000 farms and ranches utilized 46.4 million acres or about 94 percent of the State's total land area. Agriculture is Nebraska's primary source of wealth and its dominant industry. It is estimated that one-half of Nebraska workers depend on agriculture and the many related industries involved in all phases of the food and fiber chain from production to marketing for their employment.

The Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service compiled this report as a service to the public, foreign interests looking to buy Nebraska products, and the many farmers, ranchers and agricultural service firms who voluntarily provide survey data to make reliable agricultural estimates possible. Crop and livestock reports date back to the beginning of this country. The National agency issued the first official monthly crop report in 1863. These statistics reports continue to inform both buyers and sellers, helping to keep agricultural markets updated, stable, and efficient - and help to maintain a "level playing field" for all.

We hope this report will be useful and answer many questions about Nebraska agriculture. If more information is needed, please contact us at the address shown above.

NEBRASKA FARMS AND RANCHES AND LAND

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size of Farms
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1960	93,000	48,200	518
1970	73,000	48,100	659
1980	65,000	47,700	734
1990	57,000	47,100	826
1991	56,000	47,100	841
1992	56,000	47,100	841
1993	56,000	46,500	830
1994	56,000	46,500	830
1995	56,000	46,400	829
1996	56,000	46,400	829
1997	55,000	46,400	844
1998	55,000	46,400	844
1999	55,000	46,400	844
2000	54,000	46,400	859

AGRO CLIMATIC RESOURCES

Nebraska is located in the mid-section of the United States (latitude 40°N-43°N; longitude 96°W-104°W). Hot summers and cold winters, variability in rainfall distribution, fluctuating length of growing season, and frequent winds typify Nebraska's climate and each has affected agricultural production decisions and resource distribution over the years. Average "precipitation" during the last decade ranged from 32 inches in the southeast to slightly over 18 inches in the west. About 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain during April - September, the crop growing season. Average growing season ranges from 170 days in the southeast to 120 days in the extreme northwest. The southeast is about 1,000 feet above sea level, while the Panhandle has elevations of 4,000 - 5,400 feet. "Irrigation," currently at 8.1 million acres, provides a buffer against drought, a serious recurrent problem for the Great Plains. A careful selection of adaptable crops, improved varieties, use of strip and contour cropping, stubble mulching, deferred grazing and other proven practices enable Nebraska farmers to cope with climatic uncertainty and supply domestic and international markets with top quality products.

WATER RESOURCES

Nebraska is a water-rich State. Underneath 59 percent of its 49-million-acre land surface, in porous rock beds called aquifers, is stored nearly 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater, most of which is easily accessible. Add to that an average of 90 million acre-feet of annual precipitation and an annual surface-water inflow of roughly 2 million acre-feet to obtain a measure of available water. In terms of surface water, approximately 8 million acre-feet flows on to other States, making Nebraska a donor of approximately 6 million acre-feet more than flows into its borders. Groundwater irrigation began in the 1920's. At the beginning of 1975, nearly 46,000 registered irrigation wells and about 5,000 surface water rights supplied 4 million acres. Currently, 81,483 registered wells and some 5,000 surface water rights supply water to about 8.1 million acres of crop and pastureland.

SOIL RESOURCES

Nebraska soils are a product of interaction of climate and biological organisms on parent materials as modified by local topography, drainage, and exposure to weathering. Two types of geologic deposits are parent materials for the vast majority of soils in the State. Wind-blown sand is the parent material in the Sandhills grazing region that occupies much of the north-central part of the State. Elsewhere, most soils have formed in wind-blown silt and clay or loess. Topography and subsequent soil drainage have greatly influenced development of soil properties in local areas.



LAND USES

Nebraska's 46.4 million acres in farms and ranches is divided between cropland and other land used primarily for pastures and rangeland to support the State's livestock industry. In 2000, the area planted to crops and used for hay totaled 19.2 million acres. Active participation in government acreage reduction programs has reduced planted acreages in some years. Comparable area planted estimates for 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were 18.8, 19.1, 19.0 and 19.3 million acres, respectively.

Corn, soybeans, winter wheat and sorghum are the State's leading crops, usually utilizing about 15.5 million acres of cropland. Corn and winter wheat are grown essentially Statewide, while most soybeans are produced in the eastern one-half of Nebraska. Primary sorghum producing counties lie in the southeastern one-third of the State. The specialty crops of dry edible beans and sugar beets are produced in western irrigated fields. Sandhill pastures of north central Nebraska produce much of the State's wild hay production and maintain many cow/calf operations.

NEBRASKA CROP SUMMARY, SELECTED YEARS AND 2000, DOMESTIC UNITS

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
CORN FOR GRAIN				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bu.</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
1980	7,800	7,100	85.0	603,500
1985	7,800	7,450	128.0	953,600
1990	7,700	7,300	128.0	934,400
1995	8,000	7,700	111.0	854,700
1997	8,900	8,600	132.0	1,135,200
1998	8,800	8,550	*145.0	*1,239,750
1999	8,600	8,300	139.0	1,153,700
2000	8,500	8,050	126.0	1,014,300
SOYBEANS				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bu.</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
1980	1,830	1,770	30.0	53,100
1985	2,400	2,360	36.0	84,960
1990	2,400	2,360	34.5	81,420
1995	3,100	3,060	33.0	100,980
1997	3,600	3,550	40.5	143,775
1998	3,800	3,750	44.0	165,000
1999	4,300	4,250	42.5	*180,625
2000	*4,650	*4,575	38.0	173,850
ALL WHEAT				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bu.</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
1980	3,000	2,850	38.0	108,300
1985	2,600	2,300	39.0	89,700
1990	2,450	2,250	38.0	85,500
1995	2,150	2,100	41.0	86,100
1997	2,000	1,900	37.0	70,300
1998	1,900	1,800	46.0	82,800
1999	1,900	1,700	*48.0	81,600
2000	1,750	1,650	36.0	59,400
SORGHUM FOR GRAIN				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bu.</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
1980	2,200	2,030	60.0	121,800
1985	2,100	1,930	80.0	154,400
1990	1,600	1,410	77.0	108,570
1995	1,250	980	58.0	56,840
1997	900	750	81.0	60,750
1998	700	600	94.0	56,400
1999	550	470	91.0	42,770
2000	600	500	70.0	35,000
ALL HAY				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980	3,700	1.91		7,083
1985	3,300	2.05		6,755
1990	3,650	1.97		7,205
1995	3,150	2.29		7,200
1997	3,200	2.12		6,790
1998	3,200	2.40		7,680
1999	3,200	*2.41		7,700
2000	3,050	1.99		6,055
ALFALFA HAY				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980	1,650	3.05		5,033
1985	1,400	3.40		4,760
1990	1,450	3.30		4,785
1995	1,350	3.60		4,860
1997	1,300	3.25		4,225
1998	1,400	*3.75		5,250
1999	1,400	3.70		5,180
2000	1,350	3.10		4,185
WILD HAY				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980	1,750	.90		1,575
1985	1,550	.88		1,365
1990	1,600	.92		1,472
1995	1,500	1.19		1,785
1997	1,550	1.18		1,830
1998	1,500	1.15		1,725
1999	1,500	1.27		1,905
2000	1,400	1.03		1,435

¹ Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
IRRIGATED CORN FOR GRAIN				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bu.</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
1980		4,950	101.0	499,950
1985		5,050	141.5	714,800
1990		5,050	145.5	734,775
1995	5,283	5,125	130.1	666,725
1997	5,557	5,400	151.6	818,400
1998	5,388	5,250	*161.3	847,050
1999	4,952	4,800	159.4	765,200
2000	4,975	4,800	154.4	741,300
DRY EDIBLE BEANS				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
1980	160	150	1,820	2,730
1985	165	151	1,850	2,794
1990	*260	*254	1,970	*5,004
1995	225	205	1,750	3,588
1997	190	180	2,060	3,708
1998	195	188	1,950	3,666
1999	210	187	2,000	3,740
2000	165	156	2,070	3,230
SUGAR BEETS				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980	87.0	85.0	20.9	1,777
1985	59.1	53.2	23.1	1,229
1990	75.1	71.0	21.0	1,491
1995	75.9	72.3	16.4	1,186
1997	67.3	60.3	16.8	1,013
1998	53.8	47.4	19.7	934
1999	72.7	66.2	19.0	1,258
2000	78.2	55.2	20.1	1,110
OATS				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bu.</i>	<i>1,000 Bu.</i>
1980	525	380	41.0	15,580
1985	550	420	61.0	25,620
1990	450	280	48.0	13,440
1995	155	90	50.0	4,500
1997	160	90	65.0	5,850
1998	170	95	56.0	5,320
1999	135	75	62.0	4,650
2000	130	45	42.0	1,890
CROPS: RECORD HIGHS THROUGH 2000				
	Crops	Year	Record High	
Corn	Harvested	1932	10,005,000	acres
for	Yield	1998	145.0	bu.
Grain	Production	1998	1,239,750,000	bu.
Soybeans	Harvested	2000	4,575,000	acres
	Yield	1994	47.0	bu.
	Production	1999	180,625,000	bu.
All Wheat	Harvested	1938	4,691,000	acres
	Yield	1999	48.0	bu.
	Production	1958	113,488,000	bu.
Sorghum	Harvested	1965	2,271,000	acres
for	Yield	1994	98.0	bu.
Grain	Production	1981	164,800,000	bu.
All Hay	Harvested	1954	5,595,000	acres
	Yield	1999	2.41	tons
	Production	1982	7,855,000	tons
NEBRASKA'S RANK AMONG STATES IN 2000				
1st	Great northern beans production - 2,040,000 cwt.			
2nd	Alfalfa meal production - 133,800 tons			
3rd	Corn for grain production - 1.01 billion bushels			
3rd	Sorghum grain production - 35.0 million bushels			
3rd	Pinto beans production - 749,000 cwt.			
4th	On-farm grain storage capacity - 1.0 billion bushels			
4th	Commercial grain storage capacity - 692 million bushels			
7th	Alfalfa hay production - 4.2 million tons			
7th	Soybean production - 173.9 million bushels			
8th	All hay production - 6.1 million tons			
8th	Winter wheat production - 59.4 million bushels			
8th	Crops cash receipts - \$3.13 billion (in 1999)			
9th	Sugar beet production - 1.1 million tons			

NEBRASKA CROP SUMMARY, SELECTED YEARS AND 2000, METRIC UNITS

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
CORN FOR GRAIN				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980	3,157	2,873	5.34	15,330
1985	3,157	3,015	8.03	24,222
1990	3,116	2,954	8.03	23,735
1995	3,238	3,116	6.97	21,710
1997	3,602	3,480	8.29	28,835
1998	3,561	3,460	*9.10	*31,491
1999	3,480	3,359	8.72	29,305
2000	3,440	3,258	7.91	25,764
SOYBEANS				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980	741	716	2.02	1,445
1985	971	955	2.42	2,312
1990	971	955	2.32	2,216
1995	1,255	1,238	2.22	2,748
1997	1,457	1,437	2.72	3,913
1998	1,538	1,518	2.96	4,491
1999	1,740	1,720	2.86	*4,916
2000	*1,882	*1,851	2.56	4,732
ALL WHEAT				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980	1,214	1,153	2.56	2,947
1985	1,052	931	2.62	2,441
1990	992	911	2.56	2,327
1995	870	850	2.76	2,343
1997	809	769	2.49	1,913
1998	769	728	3.09	2,253
1999	769	688	*3.23	2,221
2000	708	668	2.42	1,617
SORGHUM FOR GRAIN				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980	890	822	3.77	3,094
1985	850	781	5.02	3,922
1990	648	571	4.83	2,758
1995	506	397	3.64	1,444
1997	364	304	5.08	1,543
1998	283	243	5.90	1,433
1999	223	190	5.71	1,086
2000	243	202	4.39	889
ALL HAY				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980		1,497	4.29	6,426
1985		1,335	4.59	6,128
1990		1,477	4.42	6,536
1995		1,275	5.12	6,532
1997		1,295	4.76	6,160
1998		1,295	5.38	6,967
1999		1,295	*5.39	6,985
2000		1,234	4.45	5,493
ALFALFA HAY				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980		668	6.84	4,566
1985		567	7.62	4,318
1990		587	7.40	4,341
1995		546	8.07	4,409
1997		526	7.29	3,833
1998		567	*8.41	4,763
1999		567	8.29	4,699
2000		546	6.95	3,797
WILD HAY				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980		708	2.02	1,429
1985		627	1.97	1,238
1990		648	2.06	1,335
1995		607	2.67	1,619
1997		627	2.65	1,660
1998		607	2.58	1,565
1999		607	2.85	1,728
2000		567	2.30	1,302

¹ Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
IRRIGATED CORN FOR GRAIN				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980		2,003	6.34	12,699
1985		2,044	8.88	18,157
1990		2,044	9.13	18,664
1995	2,128	2,074	8.17	16,935
1997	2,249	2,185	9.51	20,788
1998	2,180	2,125	*10.13	21,516
1999	2,004	1,943	10.01	19,437
2000	2,013	1,943	9.69	18,830
DRY EDIBLE BEANS				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980	65	61	2.04	124
1985	67	61	2.08	127
1990	*105	*103	2.21	*227
1995	91	83	1.96	163
1997	77	73	2.31	168
1998	79	76	2.19	166
1999	85	76	2.24	170
2000	67	63	2.32	147
SUGAR BEETS				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980	35.2	34.4	46.86	1,612
1985	23.9	21.5	51.79	1,115
1990	30.4	28.7	47.07	1,353
1995	30.7	29.3	36.77	1,076
1997	27.2	24.4	37.66	919
1998	21.8	19.2	44.17	847
1999	29.4	26.8	42.60	1,141
2000	31.6	22.3	45.08	1,007
OATS				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>MT</i>	<i>1,000 MT</i>
1980	212	154	1.47	266
1985	223	170	2.19	372
1990	182	113	1.72	195
1995	63	36	1.79	65
1997	65	36	2.33	85
1998	69	38	2.01	77
1999	55	30	2.22	67
2000	53	18	1.51	27
CROPS: RECORD HIGHS THROUGH 1999				
	Crops	Year	Record High	
Corn	Harvested	1932	4,049,000	hectares
	Yield	1998	9.10	metric tons
	Production	1998	31,491,000	metric tons
Soybeans	Harvested	2000	1,851,000	hectares
	Yield	1994	3.16	metric tons
	Production	1999	4,916,000	metric tons
All Wheat	Harvested	1938	1,898,000	hectares
	Yield	1999	3.23	metric tons
	Production	1958	3,087,000	metric tons
Sorghum	Harvested	1965	919,000	hectares
	Yield	1994	6.15	metric tons
	Production	1981	4,186,000	metric tons
All Hay	Harvested	1954	2,264,000	hectares
	Yield	1999	5.39	metric tons
	Production	1982	7,126,000	metric tons

NEBRASKA'S RANK AMONG STATES IN 2000

1st	Great northern beans production - 92,616 metric tons
2nd	Alfalfa meal production - 121,382 metric tons
3rd	Corn grain production - 25,764,000 metric tons
3rd	Sorghum grain production - 889,000 metric tons
3rd	Pinto beans production - 34,005 metric tons
4th	On-farm grain storage capacity - 26.3 million metric tons
4th	Commercial grain storage capacity - 18.2 million metric tons
7th	Alfalfa hay production - 3,797,000 metric tons
7th	Soybean production - 4,732,000 metric tons
8th	All hay production - 5,493,000 metric tons
8th	Winter wheat production - 1,617,000 metric tons
8th	Crops cash receipts - \$3.13 billion (in 1999)
9th	Sugar beet production - 1,007,000 metric tons

NEBRASKA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, SELECTED YEARS AND 2000

HIGHLIGHTS

- * 2 of every 3 farms have livestock or poultry enterprises.
- * Cash receipts from livestock, poultry, and products annually account for about 60% of total cash receipts.
- * National rank among States (Number and Date):
 - 1st - Commercial red meat production (7.1 billion - lbs.2000)
 - 2nd - Commercial cattle slaughter (7.6 million - 2000)
 - 2nd - Cattle on feed (2.55 million - 1/01)
 - 3rd - Cattle & calves (6.6 million - 1/01)
 - 3rd - Fed cattle marketed, 1000+ lots (4.9 million - 2000)
 - 3rd - Livestock cash receipts (\$5.4 billion - 1999)
 - 3rd - Beef cows (1.95 million - 1/01)
 - 6th - Calves born (1.84 million - 2000)
 - 6th - Hog slaughter (6.3 million - 2000)
 - 6th - Hogs & pigs (3.1 million - 12/00)
 - 12th - Chickens (13.9 million - 12/00)
 - 13th - Honey production (4.35 million lbs. - 2000)
 - 16th - Sheep & lambs (114,000 - 1/01)

CATTLE IN NEBRASKA

- * Early 2001 all cattle and calf inventory decreased slightly; however, cattle on feed numbers were higher.
- * In 1999, cash receipts total \$4.6 billion, or 54% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- * Account for about 6.8% of the Nation's cattle herd.
- * Account for 5.8% of the Nation's beef cow herd.
- * On January 1, 2001, feedlots held 18% of the Nation's cattle on feed.
- * Central and western feeding expanding:
 - In 1954, 75% of cattle were placed in eastern one-third of State. Recently, less than 40% of the fed cattle were placed in eastern lots.
- * Feeding more cattle in fewer feedlots:
 - In 1962, operators of 24,303 lots marketed 1.8 million fed cattle.
 - In 2000, only 5,200 lots marketed 5.2 million.
- * Commercial cattle slaughter totaled about 7.6 million head in 2000 and 21.0% of U.S. total cattle slaughter.

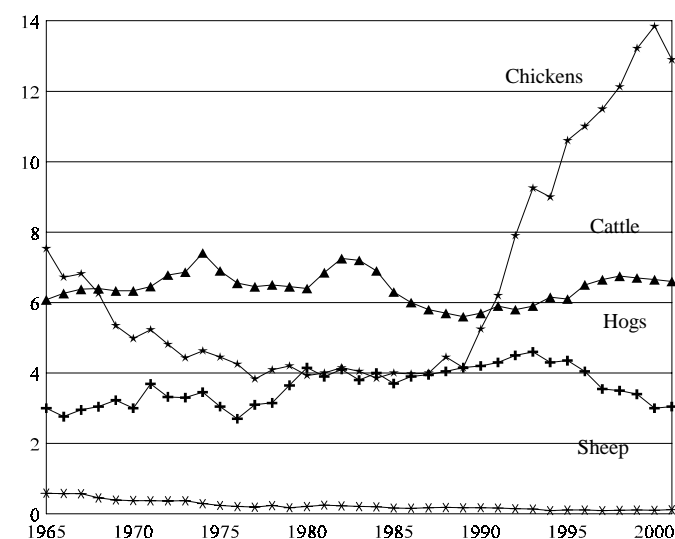
NUMBER OF OPERATIONS WITH LIVESTOCK

Year	Cattle	Beef*	Milk*	Hogs	Sheep	Cattle Feedlots*	
		Cows	Cows			All	1000+
Number							
1991	30,000	23,000	2,700	12,500	2,900	7,400	510
1992	29,000	23,000	2,500	12,500	2,600	6,400	560
1993	29,000	23,000	2,300	11,500	2,200	6,000	600
1994	29,000	23,000	2,000	11,000	1,700	5,700	650
1995	28,000	23,000	1,900	10,000	1,700	5,600	655
1996	28,000	23,000	1,800	8,500	1,700	5,400	670
1997	28,000	23,000	1,500	6,500	1,700	5,100	665
1998	29,000	23,000	1,400	5,900	1,700	5,000	665
1999	28,000	23,000	1,300	5,000	1,700	5,020	685
2000	27,000	23,000	1,200	4,000	1,700	5,200	695

* Included in number of cattle operations.

NEBRASKA TRENDS IN LIVESTOCK & POULTRY INVENTORIES

Million Head



NEBRASKA LIVESTOCK INVENTORIES

Year	Cattle Jan. 1	Beef Cows	Milk Cows	Sheep Jan. 1	Hogs & Pigs Dec. 1
<i>1,000 head</i>					
1960	5,072	1,499	356	836	2,812
1970	6,330	1,915	175	377	3,691
1980	6,400	1,950	120	210	3,900
1990	5,700	1,760	100	177	4,300
1996	6,500	1,930	70	105	3,550
1997	6,650	1,941	69	95	3,500
1998	6,750	1,940	70	100	3,400
1999	6,700	1,978	72	105	3,000
2000	6,650	1,974	76	102	3,050
2001	6,600	1,950	80	114	NA

NA = Not Available

NEBRASKA POULTRY STATISTICS

Year	Eggs Prod.	Chickens Dec. 1 ¹	Broiler Prod. ²	Chickens Sold ²
<i>Million</i>		<i>1,000</i>		
1960	1,843	10,425	2,175	4,798
1970	858	5,230	1,371	2,398
1980	847	4,000	2,000	1,600
1990	1,202	6,200	2,950	1,345
1995	2,359	11,005	2,900	3,722
1996	2,341	11,493	2,300	3,950
1997	2,469	12,126	1,600	3,820
1998	2,706	13,219	1,200	5,530
1999	2,837	13,846	11,500	5,182
2000	2,999	13,895	NA	NA

¹ Excludes commercial broilers. ² Dec. previous year - Nov. current year.

NA - Not Available

LIVESTOCK: RECORD HIGHS TO DATE

Commodity	Number	Mo./Yr.
Cattle & Calves	7.41 million head	1/74
Cattle on Feed	2.55 million head	1/01
Fed Cattle Marketed	5.12 million head	1988
Milk Cows	820 thousand head	1/34
Hogs & Pigs	5.98 million head	1/24
Sheep & Lambs	1.26 million head	1/43
Chickens	19.9 million head	1/44

HOGS IN NEBRASKA

- * Dec. 1, 2000 hog numbers totaled 3.05 million head, up 2% from the 3.0 million Dec. 1, 1999. Numbers have decreased since Dec. 1, 1994, when the inventory totaled 4.35 million head.
- * Cash receipts in 1999 totaled \$527 million or about 6.2% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- * Account for about 5% of the Nation's hog herd.
- * Commercial hog slaughter increased to 6.3 million head in 2000 and 6.4% of U.S. total hog slaughter.

NEBRASKA COMMERCIAL CATTLE & HOG SLAUGHTER, SELECTED YEARS, 1970-2000

Year	Coml. Cattle Slaughter		Coml. Hog Slaughter	
	1,000 Head	NE % of U.S.	1,000 head	NE % of U.S.
1970	4,338	12.4	2,566	3.0
1980	5,612	16.6	4,581	4.8
1990	5,882	17.7	5,401	6.3
1994	6,525	19.1	5,772	6.0
1995	6,769	19.0	5,837	6.1
1996	7,293	19.9	5,718	6.2
1997	7,408	20.4	5,776	6.3
1998	7,300	20.6	6,286	6.2
1999	7,436	20.6	6,356	6.3
2000	7,617	21.0	6,270	6.4

POULTRY IN NEBRASKA

- * Chicken inventory totaled 13.9 million head on Dec. 1, 2000, up slightly from the 13.8 million head on Dec. 1, 1999. Numbers have increased since Dec. 1, 1993, when the inventory totaled 9 million head.
- * In 1999, cash receipts of nearly \$138 million were just over 1.6% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- * Egg production and number of layers increased over 25% in last five years.
- * Broiler production increased to 11.5 million head in 1999. This compares with 1.2 million in 1998, 1.6 million in 1997, 2.3 million in 1996, and 2.9 million in 1995.

NEBRASKA NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING PLANTS & F.I. CATTLE & HOG SLAUGHTER

Year	Slaughtering Plants			Cattle		Hogs	
	F.I.	Other	Total	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
<i>Number</i>							
1980	72	159	231	67	1,000	46	1,000
1990	49	140	189	47	5,834	36	5,348
1994	44	96	140	40	6,501	28	5,746
1995	42	89	131	39	6,742	28	5,813
1996	43	86	129	39	7,333	28	5,752
1997	40	84	124	36	7,470	24	5,836
1998	39	78	117	33	7,254	22	6,235
1999	34	82	116	29	7,394	20	6,311
2000	33	81	114	32	7,592	22	6,252
2001	34	78	112	NA	NA	NA	NA

F.I. - Federally Inspected. NA - Not Available

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER, TOP FIVE STATES & UNITED STATES, SELECTED YEARS

Rank	1980		1990		1997		1998		1999		2000	
	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head
1	Texas	5,793	Kansas	6,259	NEBR.	7,408	Kansas	7,541	Kansas	8,033	Kansas	8,213
2	NEBR.	5,612	NEBR.	5,882	Kansas	7,369	NEBR.	7,300	NEBR.	7,436	NEBR.	7,617
3	Iowa	2,999	Texas	5,681	Texas	6,615	Texas	6,767	Texas	6,735	Texas	6,606
4	Kansas	2,968	Colo.	2,079	Colo.	2,595	Colo.	2,417	Colo.	2,653	Colo.	2,636
5	Calif.	1,972	Iowa	1,830	Wisc.	1,643	Wisc.	1,650	Wisc.	1,719	Wisc.	1,735
	U.S.	33,807	U.S.	33,242	U.S.	36,317	U.S.	35,465	U.S.	36,150	U.S.	36,246

NEBRASKA CATTLE PLACED IN FEEDLOTS AND PERCENT BY AREAS, SELECTED YEARS

Item or Area	1954*	1964	1974	1984	1994 ¹	1995 ¹	1996 ¹	1997 ¹	1998 ¹	1999 ¹	2000 ¹
<i>1,000 head</i>											
Nebraska Annual Cattle Placed	1,065	2,441	3,551	4,660	4,319	4,630	4,600	4,690	4,510	5,110	5,105
<i>Percent of Total Placed</i>											
Overview by Areas:											
NE, E & SE	74.8	68.6	64.5	50.1	42.6	40.7	40.4	39.7	38.3	39.5	NA
Rest of State	25.2	31.4	35.5	49.9	57.4	59.3	59.6	60.3	61.7	60.5	NA

* Series started in 1954. ¹ Estimates for lots with 1,000+ head capacity only. NOTE: 1999 & 2000 preliminary. NA - Not Available.

NEBRASKA PERCENT OF FED CATTLE MARKETED BY CAPACITY OF FEEDLOTS

Feedlot Capacity	1962*	1964	1974	1984	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<i>Percent of Total Marketed</i>											
Under 1,000 head	72.6	61.4	39.6	30.1	12.8	9.3	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.8
1,000-8,000 head	19.7	26.7	31.5	29.8	35.5	37.6	37.5	35.5	35.1	34.2	35.1
8,000-32,000 head	7.7	11.9	20.7	28.0	40.5	42.1	45.5	45.3	44.4	46.5	46.9
32,000+ head	NA	NA	8.2	12.1	11.2	11.0	11.9	13.3	15.0	13.6	12.2
Total Marketed											
All Lots (000)	1,822	2,436	3,355	4,220	4,715	4,730	4,525	4,710	4,700	5,060	5,185

* Series started in 1962. NA - Not Available.

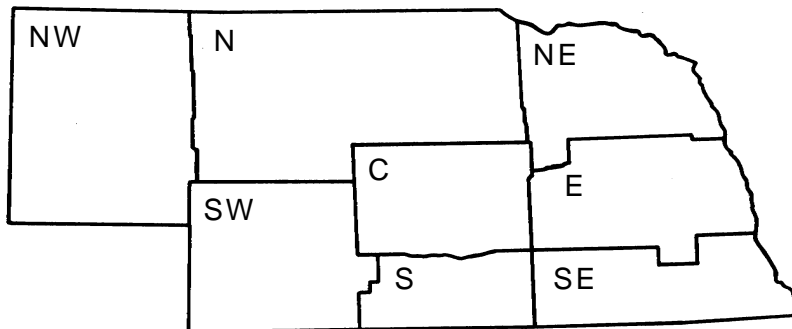
NEBRASKA'S TOP TEN PRODUCING COUNTIES, SELECTED COMMODITIES, 2000

Rank	Corn for Grain		Soybeans		Winter Wheat		Sorghum for Grain	
	District	County	District	County	District	County	District	County
1	E	York	E	Saunders	NW	Cheyenne	SE	Gage
2	E	Hamilton	NE	Antelope	NW	Box Butte	SE	Saline
3	C	Buffalo	N	Holt	SW	Perkins	SE	Jefferson
4	C	Hall	E	Dodge	NW	Deuel	SE	Nuckolls
5	C	Dawson	E	Hamilton	S	Furnas	SE	Thayer
6	S	Phelps	S	Phelps	NW	Sheridan	E	Lancaster
7	S	Kearney	E	York	SW	Hitchcock	SE	Pawnee
8	S	Adams	SE	Fillmore	NW	Kimball	SE	Fillmore
9	SW	Lincoln	E	Cass	SW	Chase	E	Seward
10	SW	Chase	NE	Cedar	SW	Red Willow	S	Webster

Rank	Oats for Grain		Sunflowers		All Cattle and Calves January 1, 2001		Beef Cows January 1, 2001	
	District	County	District	County	District	County	District	County
1	NE	Knox	NW	Sheridan	N	Cherry	N	Cherry
2	NE	Thurston	NW	Kimball	C	Custer	C	Custer ²
3	NE	Cedar	NW	Cheyenne	C	Dawson	N	Holt ²
4	NE	Dixon	SW	Perkins	NE	Cuming	SW	Lincoln ³
5	NE	Pierce	NW	Deuel	N	Holt	NW	Sheridan ³
6	NE	Wayne	NW	Banner	SW	Lincoln	C	Dawson
7	NW	Dawes	SW	Keith	NW	Scotts Bluff	NE	Knox
8	NW	Sheridan	NW	Box Butte	S	Phelps	C	Buffalo
9	NE	Antelope	SW	Hayes	NW	Morrill ¹	SW	Frontier
10	NE	Boone	SW	Red Willow	NW	Sheridan ¹	NW	Morrill ⁴

¹ Tied for 9th. ² Tied for 2nd. ³ Tied for 4th. ⁴ Tied for 10th with Rock county in the North.

NEBRASKA'S AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS



NEBRASKA'S USUAL PLANTING AND HARVESTING DATES, SELECTED CROPS ¹

Crop	Usual Planting Dates			Usual Harvesting Dates		
	Begin	Most Active	End	Begin	Most Active	End
Barley, Spring	Mar 20	Mar 25 - Apr 10	Apr 18	Jul 18	Jul 20 - Jul 25	Jul 30
Beans, Dry	May 26	Jun 9 - Jun 16	Jun 23	Sep 8	Sep 15 - Sep 29	Oct 13
Corn, for Grain	Apr 21	May 3 - May 19	Jun 1	Sep 21	Oct 11 - Nov 6	Dec 1
Corn, for Silage	Apr 21	May 3 - May 19	Jun 1	Aug 25	Sep 5 - Sep 25	Oct 10
Hay, Alfalfa				May 10		Oct 5
Hay, Other				Jun 5		Sep 20
Oats, Spring	Mar 24	Apr 2 - Apr 27	May 9	Jul 4	Jul 15 - Aug 2	Aug 12
Rye	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep 26	Oct 6	Jun 30	Jul 12 - Jul 30	Aug 8
Sorghum, for Grain	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Sep 19	Oct 8 - Oct 30	Nov 17
Sorghum, for Silage	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Aug 25	Sep 10 - Sep 30	Oct 10
Soybeans	May 9	May 18 - Jun 4	Jun 17	Sep 19	Sep 30 - Oct 15	Oct 27
Sugarbeets	Apr 1	Apr 10 - Apr 30	May 5	Oct 5	Oct 10 - Oct 30	Nov 5
Wheat, Winter	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep 26	Oct 6	Jun 26	Jul 7 - Jul 26	Aug 8

¹ Source: USDA's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates for U.S. Field Crops, December 1997.

**NEBRASKA PRECIPITATION DATA
BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS, 1980-1999 ¹**

Year	Agricultural Statistics Districts							
	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast
<i>Inches</i>								
1980	13.10	15.53	17.09	15.67	23.41	17.05	19.38	24.97
1981	17.04	22.74	23.43	26.59	27.60	24.97	29.99	30.65
1982	21.21	25.63	34.19	27.81	39.01	23.60	26.72	35.78
1983	18.29	27.04	30.45	25.65	32.20	18.96	25.62	31.81
1984	15.35	24.40	36.34	31.33	36.59	21.12	24.51	34.89
1985	14.65	21.03	26.35	27.73	29.88	18.87	26.07	30.26
1986	20.11	27.12	32.72	25.02	38.34	17.91	22.46	38.63
1987	18.09	24.06	26.40	28.26	32.59	22.32	29.23	37.80
1988	16.92	23.41	20.70	22.13	20.15	20.32	20.53	18.38
1989	11.92	13.44	17.20	20.38	22.26	16.17	20.93	24.49
1990	16.59	21.11	25.60	22.79	27.31	17.13	23.17	26.57
1991	16.70	21.41	26.24	23.03	30.32	21.19	21.57	26.61
1992	17.11	24.34	33.76	24.94	31.87	22.10	24.70	37.17
1993	21.80	28.72	35.72	34.02	39.71	27.05	38.64	48.25
1994	14.07	22.79	27.12	23.24	26.83	19.24	23.47	26.32
1995	20.48	28.78	32.24	24.33	24.87	20.31	23.36	29.21
1996	18.61	23.13	27.61	26.31	30.79	24.86	32.02	34.91
1997	18.00	21.47	22.17	23.39	25.45	19.00	22.78	30.59
1998	19.56	26.73	33.52	25.29	34.31	18.65	23.68	34.36
1999	18.53	21.24	27.63	25.27	30.48	21.77	25.00	27.16

¹ Source: NOAA/National Climatic Data Center.

**NUMBER OF DAYS TEMPERATURE 95 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT OR ABOVE
BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS, SELECTED REPORTING STATIONS, MAY-SEPTEMBER, 1980-1999 ¹**

Year	Agricultural Statistics Districts, Reporting Station							
	Northwest (Alliance)	North (Atkinson)	Northeast (Hartington)	Central (Broken Bow)	East (David City)	Southwest (Culbertson)	South (Franklin)	Southeast (Pawnee City)
<i>Number of Days</i>								
1980	5	24	30	35	30	43	40	60
1981	7	5	11	7	8	17	9	16
1982	10	10	11	9	8	16	13	13
1983	13	14	25	14	29	51	39	42
1984	4	18	5	12	15	29	23	25
1985	11	10	3	13	9	24	21	14
1986	8	10	2	14	6	19	16	16
1987	19	13	14	16	19	27	11	20
1988	23	25	23	14	25	28	28	35
1989	18	11	14	6	11	20	9	19
1990	14	15	12	15	10	35	13	27
1991	14	22	15	13	14	21	19	30
1992	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
1993	0	2	0	0	1	6	2	9
1994	18	1	1	3	2	23	12	17
1995	26	17	14	7	13	33	23	19
1996	6	0	0	0	0	9	5	7
1997	18	12	2	5	5	24	20	13
1998	10	9	1	6	2	25	22	5
1999	17	11	4	2	3	20	15	25

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS, SELECTED YEARS AND 2000

NEBRASKA ALL LAND AVERAGE VALUE PER ACRE BY STATISTICAL DISTRICT, 1989-2000

District	Selected Years						
	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000
Northwest	210	226	239	250	269	275	276
North	171	215	226	251	275	285	299
Northeast	689	747	790	860	962	1,052	1,070
Central	495	639	693	744	833	859	842
East	1,009	1,115	1,217	1,378	1,600	1,718	1,737
Southwest	300	341	396	384	417	439	464
South	673	787	885	944	1,066	1,099	1,056
Southeast	711	756	845	925	1,057	1,111	1,121
STATE	432	492	531	582	654	690	698

* SOURCE: Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments 1999-00 Ag Research Division, UNL, June 2000.

* Includes irrigated and non-irrigated cropland, grazing and hayland.

PRICES RECEIVED BY NEBRASKA FARMERS ¹

Commodity	1970	1980	1990	1998	1999	2000
Corn, Bu.	1.25	3.08	2.28	1.88	1.75	1.95
Soybeans, Bu.	2.78	7.25	5.59	4.83	4.47	4.70
Sorghum, Bu.	1.08	2.85	2.05	1.68	1.52	1.75
All Wheat, Bu.	1.22	3.72	2.53	2.54	2.20	2.70
Oats, Bu.	.65	1.85	1.19	1.19	1.00	1.30
All Hay, Ton	21.00	55.00	58.00	48.50	37.50	66.00
Sugar Beets, Ton	14.80	47.00	40.10	35.20	33.20	NA
Dry Beans, Cwt.	8.00	26.90	16.90	18.00	16.30	16.00
Steers & Heifers, Cwt.	29.10	66.70	80.00	62.70	66.30	70.00
Cows, Cwt.	20.50	45.80	52.00	34.20	34.60	38.40
Calves, Cwt.	35.30	78.70	100.00	83.80	89.50	106.00
Hogs, Cwt.	22.30	38.10	54.80	37.10	32.30	44.30
Sheep, Cwt.	7.30	24.50	21.90	31.10	31.50	34.60
Lambs, Cwt.	27.50	64.30	54.00	74.80	72.50	75.30
Milk Cows, Cwt.	298	1,130	1,130	1,140	1,290	1,290

¹ Crops prices for 1970, and 1980 are season average prices; beginning 1985 prices are marketing year average prices received. NA = Not Available. 2000 preliminary.

GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY

Commercial off-farm grain storage capacity of the 527 licensed storage facilities totaled 692.4 million bushels on December 1, 2000. On-farm capacity was estimated at 1.04 billion bushels on December 1, 2000, compared with 1.03 billion bushels on December 1, 1999.

OFF-FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY NEBRASKA & UNITED STATES, 1999 & 2000

District	Storage Capacity ¹		Net Change	2000 1999
	12/1/99	12/1/00		
	1,000 bushels			%
Northwest	30,799	34,984	4,185	114
North	16,244	21,173	4,929	130
Northeast	74,544	76,776	2,232	103
Central	50,512	54,822	4,310	109
East	225,164	226,926	1,762	101
Southwest	63,105	68,745	5,640	109
South	100,785	104,454	3,669	104
Southeast	99,687	104,511	4,824	105
State	660,840	692,391	31,551	105
United States	8,090,320	8,343,000	252,680	103

¹ Licensed commercial storage, including temporary facilities licensed for use this year

NEBRASKA TOTAL FARM INCOME

Year	Gross Income ¹	Farm Production Expenses	Net Farm Income	Net Farm Income Per Farm
	Million Dollars		Dollars	
1991	9,869.4	7,582.1	2,287.3	40,845
1992	9,933.2	7,422.7	2,510.5	44,830
1993	9,805.6	7,817.9	1,987.6	35,493
1994	9,917.6	7,759.9	2,157.7	38,530
1995	9,589.2	7,955.1	1,634.2	29,182
1996	11,634.1	8,203.3	3,430.9	61,266
1997	10,989.8	8,922.0	2,067.7	37,595
1998	10,623.5	8,790.7	1,832.8	33,324
1999	10,750.8	9,100.2	1,650.6	30,011

¹ See table below for detailed breakdown, including inventory adjustment.

NEBRASKA GROSS FARM INCOME

Year	Cash Receipts	Government Payments	Non-Cash Income	Farm-Related Income	Value of Inventory Adjustment
	Million Dollars				
1991	8,998.9	490.7	155.0	385.3	-160.5
1992	8,685.3	478.7	156.6	306.3	306.3
1993	8,871.3	806.3	172.1	348.3	-392.3
1994	8,509.2	348.2	190.2	350.3	519.7
1995	8,983.0	507.3	203.7	421.2	-525.9
1996	9,241.4	388.7	226.1	451.1	1,326.8
1997	9,805.0	454.5	224.8	486.2	19.2
1998	9,030.2	796.9	238.7	614.4	-56.7
1999	8,555.0	1,322.1	237.5	690.0	-53.7

VALUE OF NEBRASKA FARM EXPORTS

Commodity	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Feed Grains & Products	1,091.5	1,294.9	1,108.3	779.3	871.5
Soybeans & Products	384.2	367.1	526.6	482.3	393.7
Wheat & Products	133.2	240.8	131.6	88.2	119.1
Feeds & Fodders	208.3	222.6	246.3	248.2	236.2
Seeds	33.9	33.9	43.6	35.2	36.2
Vegetables & Preparations	28.8	25.2	30.2	36.2	27.6
Live Animals & Meat	806.1	834.1	804.1	828.0	847.1
Hides & Skins	315.5	282.6	304.1	241.5	204.3
Fats, Oils & Greases	163.7	126.6	105.1	132.7	113.5
Dairy Products	16.2	12.5	14.2	15.5	16.4
Other	19.5	21.1	19.2	19.6	17.4
TOTAL	3,200.9	3,416.4	3,333.3	2,906.7	2,883.0

A BIT OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS OFFICE HISTORY:

The Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service is a Federal-State cooperative effort of U.S.D.A.'s National Agricultural Statistics Service and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. A Federal statistics program dates back to 1862 when U.S.D.A. was founded. This Nebraska cooperative office has been in existence since 1918. It is located in Room 298 of the Federal Building in Lincoln at 100 Centennial Mall North. The office has had three different names: State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics (1918-1976), Nebraska Crop and Livestock Reporting Service (1976-1986), and the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service (1986 to date). While the office name has changed and survey procedures improved upon, the objective of providing the most accurate and reliable agricultural forecasts and estimates possible has remained unchanged throughout the years. "Voluntary" reporting by many thousands of farmers, ranchers and agri-business firms make these estimates possible in a timely manner.